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Invention: STEERING APPARATUS

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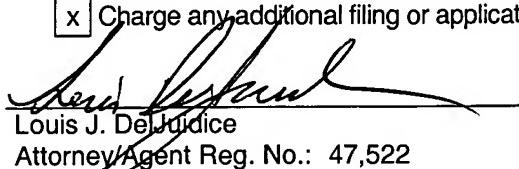
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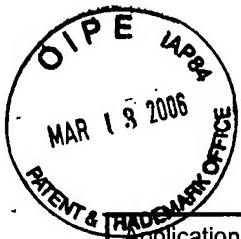
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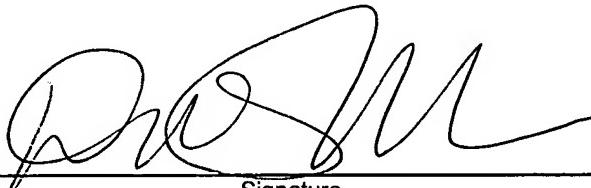
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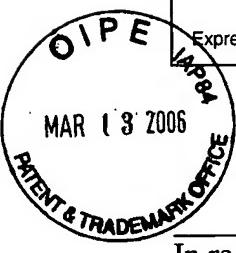
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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.